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than a tragic accident. Under Secretary Rostow replied that he had never heard any US official make such a statement. He did regard the episode as "literally incomprehensible". So far as he knew, the Newsweek article was not correct. He promised Harman that he would look into the possibility of appropriate press guidance on the subject.

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